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To Whom It May Concern:

1 [The Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada joins with other conservation and community organizations in pointing out that all three Environmental Impact Statements are profoundly flawed. The only sensible and safe course of action to take in the process is the "no action" alternatives. The best solution to dealing with nuclear waste is to stop producing it, and until such time as a safe way to dispose of this material is designed, to keep it as close to the generation site as possible.

Our concerns extend to the transportation issue. There is a manifest lack of emergency planning along the transportation routes that are a) open to terrorist threats, b) in some areas out in rural areas of the vast Intermountain West that are nearly impossible to patrol; and c) in other areas within or close to urban centers in which incidents could endanger millions of people.

Yucca Mountain's geology also makes it an unsuitable site for radioactive waste. The more we learn about the region's geology, the more it is clear that volcanism, seismology and climate make this site at best uncertain, and at worst clearly dangerous. The uncertainties have forced the government to seek engineering solutions rather than the geological solutions required by law.

For these reasons and others enumerated by many others, we urge the Department of Energy, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Congress and the White House to dump Yucca Mountain instead of making Yucca Mountain a dump. Thank you for your consideration. ]

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